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1. Chinese Communist authorities are seeking the enlistment of personnel from Kwangtung and Fukien for the new navy; they are to be stationed at Whampoa and Yulinchiang (109-34, 18-13). Several Soviet light warships are to be sent from Dairen or Vladivostok [redacted] to make up the flotillas. 25X1
2. Military authorities in Kwangtung are commandeering all steamboats and motor junks in the Swatow area and compelling all seamen and technicians to register with local authorities. Each must submit the names of three local residents as guarantees against the registrant leaving the area.
3. Fishermen in the Tahao (116-42, 23-18), Haimen (116-37, 23-12), Shench'uan (116-18, 22-59), Chiatzu (116-03, 22-53), and Nanao (117-06, 23-22) areas are being conscripted for naval training by the Swatow area authorities. Conscripts from these areas totalled 68 [redacted] 25X1
4. [redacted] the Chinese Communist gunboats P'INGLO (平樂), CHUNGHAI (冲海), TAT'UNG (大同), and CHIENHAI (前海) were based in the Wanshan Islands for the purpose of patrolling the mouth of the Pearl River. [redacted] they had been based at Whampoa. 25X1
5. [redacted] a large number of boatmen were drafted by the Chinese Communists in the Haich'eng (117-52, 24-27), Changp'u (117-35, 24-06), Yunhsiao (117-15, 24-01), and Chaoan (117-12, 23-44) areas.
6. Chinese Communist troops are building a large number of bamboo rafts in Shihma (117-39, 24-27) and at the mouth of the Lienchiang River (sic),* in Chekiang.
7. [redacted] approximately 100 junks were commandeered in the Wunchou (120-38, 28-01) area by Chinese Communist military authorities. It is 25X1

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rumored in Wenchou that the Chinese Communists are preparing to invade the Tach'en (121- , 28-) Islands, P'ishan (121-30, 28-06), Feichishan (121-12, 27-39) and Nanchishan (121- , 27-).

8. [] there were 23 landing craft, 54 motorboats, 203 motor junks, and 8,500 junks in the coastal sector between the Maanshan Islands (122- , 30-) and Juian (120-38, 27-49), near the Nationalist-held Tach'en Islands. These vessels represent a total tonnage of approximately 115,000, with a one-trip capacity of two armies. These craft are distributed as follows: 25X1

- a. Maanshan Islands area: 3 landing craft of approximately 50 tons each, 10 motor junks, and 1,500 junks.
- b. Hangchow Bay area: 20 small landing craft, 15 motorboats, 55 motor junks, and 5,000 junks.
- c. Hsiangshan (121-51, 29-29) area: 50 motor junks and 1,000 junks.
- d. Haimen (121-25, 28-43) area: 6 motorboats, 18 motor junks, and 200 junks.
- e. Chinchiang (121- , 28-) (sic)**-Sungmen (121-36, 28-22) area: 20 motor junks, and 250 junks.
- f. Yuhuan (121-12, 28-09) -Ch'umen (121-17, 28-15) area: 3 motorboats, 10 motor junks, and 300 junks.
- g. Meichou Bay (120- , 27-) (sic)*** area: 20 motorboats, 20 motor junks, and 100 junks.
- h. Juian area: 10 motorboats, 20 motor junks, and 150 junks.

9. The East China Naval District has made the following personnel readjustments on naval vessels:

- a. Captains who are considered unstable have been placed under surveillance or transferred to shore duty.
- b. Former crew members are gradually being replaced by trained and qualified Communist Party members. Approximately four out of every five crew members are now Communists.
- c. Two out of every three engineers have been replaced by Party members.
- d. All radio operators and signal flag personnel are to be replaced by Communists.

* [] Comment. Possibly Lingchiang (121- , 28-) is meant. 25X1

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